A New Synonym of Odeles piceata (Coleoptera, Scirtidae)

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Odeles piceata (KLAUSNITZER, 1982) was described from Kunashir based on one male specimen. Recently I examined the holotype of this species preserved in ZIL (Zoological Institute, Academy of Science, Leningrad). After close examination including that of male genitalia, it becomes clear that this species is a junior synonym of Odeles inornata (LEWIS). The latter species has already been recorded from Kunashir Island by YOSHITOMI & NIKITSKY (2004).

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Odeles inornata (LEWIS)

Helodes inornatus Lewis, 1895, 107. (see Yoshitomi, 2005 in other synonyms.)

Helodes piceata Klausnitzer, 1982, 277 [transferred to the genus Odeles by Klausnitzer (2004)]. Syn. nov.

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